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Sir:

The attached newspaper clippings regarding SUBJECT were taken from the May 17, 1967 edition of the Dallas Times Herald.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mystery? Me? ★ Garrison Theory

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1967, The Dallas Times Herald
Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim
en's mysterious "code"
he claims tied in Clay
with Lee Harvey Oswald
Jack Ruby in an assassina-
conspiracy may not be so

dent, very much a real person, although Jim Garrison strongly implied he didn't really exist, in an interview Tuesday did considerable damage to the latest assassination conspiracy theories of the New Orleans District attorney.

Lee Odum said in an exclusive interview with The Times Herald that Odum, P. O. Box 1000, Dallas, Texas, in Shaw's address book had no unusual connections, although Garrison claims it does. Shaw is the New Orleans businessman Garrison has charged with conspiring with Oswald and others to assassinate President Kennedy.

Odum explains that he was only trying to promote a bullfight and Shaw was suggested in 1963 as a "good man to see about finding a place for my bullfight."

And that's why the P.O. Box 1000 and Odum's name were in Shaw's address book, Odum said. Using a complex decoding system, Garrison claimed this notation actually worked out into Shaw's unlisted Dallas phone number. The same number — 214-214-1000 — was also found in Os-

couldn't explain how the same number was in Oswald's notebook.

There had been a strong inference from Garrison that Odum did not exist.

"As I said, I gave it to him," Odum said of the notation in Shaw's book. "That was my post office box at the time—1963. I rented it—or my wife rented it—in the summer of 1963."

"I asked the manager of the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans about who would be a good man to see about finding a place for my bullfight," Odum said Tuesday. "He suggested Mr. Shaw, so I called him—or the manager called him, I don't remember exactly."

"He (Shaw) came over to the hotel, as I recall, and we talked for 15 or 20 minutes. He gave me his business card—I'll bet I still have it around here somewhere—and I gave him my address in Dallas. The bullfight didn't come off and we never communicated again. That's all there was to it."

The box, located in the Municipal Center postal substation at Knight and Maple, was rented by the name of a husband and wife.

the Post Office Department verified this.)

"I used this address — Box 19106 — for both the cue and the promotion mess," he said.

The box was kept until October or November, as he recalls it. "We have another box out here at the post office."

Nothing To Hide

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he said. "Here" is the Dallas County town in which Odum now lives with his wife and two children.

They reside in a multi-unit apartment complex in the suburban city. For reason of privacy, Odum asked that the name of the city not be mentioned.

Odum said he was not aware that anyone was interested in talking to him until he was located Tuesday by The Times Herald with the help of the New Orleans States-Item.

"I didn't have a chance to read a newspaper or watch television over the weekend," said Odum, a tall, rangy man who was born in Lakeview, Texas.

He said he would be willing to tell his story to Garrison or anybody else. "I have nothing to hide—my goodness," he said. "You can tell Mr. Shaw that I am ready to help him if I can."

ODUM SAID he also felt sure that his story of the trip to New Orleans and his brief meeting with Shaw can be corroborated. "The man at the Roosevelt might remember it all," he said. "The records of the hotel should show I was there."

As he remembered it, Odum was in New Orleans the night of Shaw's slaying in the lower

part of November, 1963. The Times Herald representative, he rummaged through his personal papers in his apartment Tuesday and came up with the stub of his airplane ticket he used to return New Orleans to Dallas, dated Nov. 22, 1963.

"I never, threw away," he said, "and I'll eventually find Mr. Shaw's business card somewhere."

ODUM SAID he did not recall any of the specific conversation said either by him or Shaw the November New Orleans version. "I was trying to find a place for the bright light," he said he might help me—something like that," he said. "The bright light did not come so that was it."

"That was the only time I have ever talked to Mr. Shaw or had any contact with him whatsoever."

Asked to describe the man talked to, Odum gave a description as to size—"very tall, big", age—"about 50 or so", other characteristics which match Shaw's.

LEFT UNANSWERED
Odum's story is the coincidence of the numbers, 1906, being in both Oswald's and Shaw's pockets.

In front of the five-digit edition of the book are two letters which Garrison says are "A" and "B." Others say, however, that they are actually Shaw's letters.

Usually reliable investigators in Dallas say that Shaw 1906 did not come to residence here until the summer of 1965 when the Knightdale substation was re-named. It could not be confirmed, however, however.

Since Oswald died in June, 1963 after being shot by Ruby, this had given some credence to Garrison's theory that the post office box run

ORLEANS — New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison wants to talk to Lee

are very interested in who introduced Mr. to Mr. Shaw and how enlightens Mr. Odum has produced and a few things," Garrison said today in New Orleans.

"The man" is Clay Shaw, the

ing to link with Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Lee Odum, a Dallas area businessman, was caught up in the web of confusion stemming from the investigation when his name and Dallas Post Office box number were found jotted in Shaw's address book.

GARRISON FIRST implied that Lee Odum did not exist.

taxes were well aware there is a real Lee Odum.

"The fact there is a real Lee Odum, however, is not the point," Garrison said. "The point is that Clay Shaw and Lee Oswald had the same post office box numbers in address books and this post office box number is in form the unpublished phone number of Jack Ruby in 1963."

"The New Orleans district attorney said:

"We are particularly interested in clarifying now that is also coded in Lee Oswald's address book the (New Orleans) phone number of the Central Intelligence Agency," Garrison said.

He CLAIMED he had evidence for some time that Ruby was working with the CIA in Dallas during the same time Oswald was working for the CIA in New Orleans. "This means that the CIA knew that these two men and Oswald) knew each other," Garrison said.

He claimed he also has evidence that Oswald was not only CIA agent who was of Ruby. Here that New Orleans district attorney said:

The CIA telephone number, Garrison said, was found in the front of Oswald's address book.

"Since it is obvious that it is no longer possible to get the truth in any form from officials of the CIA in Washington, no

to the businessmen about some of these circumstances," Garrison

Shaw's attorneys, now continued to brand Garrison into the "hell name"

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